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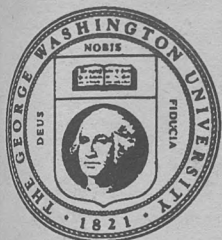
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GW OBSERVES a "Convocation in Honor of The Life and Spirit" of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Ceremony honors civil servants

GW student, MLK's daughter among those honored Monday

by Marilyn Bayona

Hatchet Reporter

The Dorothy Betts Marvin Theatre packed a full house Monday night at the eighth-annual convocation held in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.

GW awarded five medals this year to four civil servants and one GW student. The honorees earned their awards for demonstrating the theme, "The Dream in Action" during their daily lives.

The University honored GW student Jeffrey Rickert; Doris W. Jones, founder of the Jones-Haywood School of Ballet; Rep. John Lewis (D-Ga.); Martin Luther King's oldest daughter Yolanda King and Walter J. Turnbull. Each recipient explained how King inspired their lives and their work.

"I want to make the best possible contribution I can make to humanity," Rickert, a senior, said in his acceptance speech. He addressed the issue of classism and how coming from a poor family affected him personally.

"Everyone can be great because everyone can serve," he said quoting the civil rights leader. "My hope for myself is that I will continue to follow Dr. King's legacy, and in 24 years you will judge me equally deserving of this award," Rickert said.

Jones asked, "What is life without a dream?" to an audience of students and D.C. residents, as well as the friends and family of the recipients.

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Administration plans to reschedule classes

Professors may teach at own discretion

by Douglas Parker

Hatchet Staff Writer

Students and professors will have the option to make up classes cancelled last week because of snow and ice, according to a plan released Tuesday by Vice President for Academic Affairs Roderick French.

French said classes cancelled on Jan. 18 and 19 can be made up during this semester's reading period, April 26 and 27.

Classes cancelled on Jan. 20 can be made up on President's Day, Feb. 21. The decision to make up the classes will be at the discretion of the students and professors of each course.

Because fewer classes are scheduled for Fridays, professors and students who want to make up Friday classes can schedule double-length classes, French's plan stated. The plan does not apply to the National Law Center and the medical schools, whose deans will make their own plans to recover the lost days, he said.

French said he wanted to "invent a plan which would be the least complicated way to make up classes. This way we don't have to go through the nightmare of rescheduling classes for nights and weekends."

Professors responded to the plan with mixed reaction. Judith Plotz, chairwoman of the English department, said it would be more efficient to have professors and students make up the missed periods on their own.

"It is a hardship to students to have classes over the reading period," she said. Plotz said she had already arranged to make up the missed periods in the morning or evening.

Mathematics professor Dan Ullman said he plans to hold classes during the

reading periods. "Normally the last class period is just a review — no new material is introduced. I will hold a review session but make it clear that it is not mandatory," he said.

Biology department chairman Randall Packer said he approves of French's solution. "This is the most workable plan," Packer said.

Packer said he will hold class on the suggested days. "My course is pretty lecture intensive, and it is important to have all the class periods," he said.

"We are in a quandary," said Alison Brooks, chair of the anthropology department. She said comprehensive exams for the master's degree program are already scheduled for the reading days.

Richard Robin, an associate professor of Slavic languages, said he will hold classes during the makeup days. He said, "I would have been very disappointed if they had not given us the makeup days." He said there would have been no way to complete the lesson without the rescheduled days. "I would be a full lesson off," he said.

Student reaction was also mixed. "I think it is necessary (to reschedule classes), not so much for undergraduates, but for graduate students who only have classes once a week," Student Association President Scott Adams said. He said many students will be gone for Presidents' Day weekend, but added, "No matter when the classes are rescheduled, a certain number of students are going to be absent."

Adams said he hates to see reading days cancelled. "Losing the reading days puts students in a terribly poor situation."

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GW enters on-ramp to 'information superhighway'

by Andrew Tarnoff

Asst. News Editor

The "information superhighway" seems to be the catch phrase of the '90s. It even found its way into President Bill Clinton's State of the Union address Tuesday night.

"Think of it," Clinton told members of Congress. "Instant access to information will increase our productivity. It will help to educate our children. It will provide better medical care. It will create jobs."

Clinton projected that the information superhighway will be in place by the year 2000. But at GW, some think the foundations are already in place.

Linked to the world

GW's plans to incorporate online technology

with students and faculty began in the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, said J. Bradley Reese, director of the Computer Information and Resource Center.

More recently, students have used GWUVM, a mainframe that allows students and faculty to receive free electronic mail accounts and offers them limited access to the Internet. Internet is a high power grouping of networks that are broken down into regions. GW is member of a regional network that links the University to the world, Reese explained.

Reese said GW pays a flat fee for the Internet service, so it is "easy to budget." GW does not have to pay long distance fees even though users have unlimited access to terminals around the world.

At GW, more than 6,000 students have

accounts, Reese said. Reese said more than 2,000 students have GWIS accounts, and another 2,000 have UNIX1 accounts. About 1,500 students still have GWUVM accounts, Reese said. These three systems represent different levels of access.

Until this year, non-engineering school students did not have access to more powerful UNIX minicomputers.

But this year, GW introduced both the GWIS and UNIX1 systems for students and professors. GWIS was created, Reese said, when Colonial Computers donated last year's profits to the establishment of a new system.

GWIS is based on the popular Gopher application, a completely menu-driven program designed for the computer neophyte. The Gopher system is a "campus-wide information system," that is becoming a popular method for accessing the

Internet, Reese said.

From biology to Letterman

Users on GWIS can access e-mail and current weather reports from around the world. They can also access a wealth of information through a global library network.

UNIX1 is a modern and powerful system that allows for e-mail, file transfers and access to newsgroups — electronic discussion forums in which users share their opinions on more than 1,500 topics, from biology and Croatian culture to David Letterman and Star Trek.

The Internet has great educational potential, Reese said. It allows professors to utilize teaching materials from around the globe. Already, Reese

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Zoning board begins renovation hearing

by Kati Gazella
Asst. News Editor

The Board of Zoning Adjustment Wednesday postponed voting on proposed Marvin Center renovations until early March to allow GW and community groups time to gather information relevant to the case.

Representatives from GW addressed concerns of neighborhood organizations throughout the several-hours-long hearing. "This plan will be in harmony" with the needs of the neighborhood, Associate Vice President for Business Scott Cole said.

Members of the Advisory Neighborhood Commission and West End Tenants Association testified in opposition to the plan, citing potential for traffic and parking difficulties, noise from construction and early-morning deliveries, and aesthetic and space problems resulting from additional building size. The ANC2A voted 5-1 against the plan in September.

The proposed renovations "will exacerbate existing problems of the Marvin Center," ANC Commissioner Edward Kelly said.

The renovations include improved-access entrances complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act and additional space to meet student needs, Cole said.

An elevator in the southeast corner of the Marvin Center would give disabled people access to all floors and split-levels proposed for the southwest corner of the Marvin Center. The building now offers "no entrances that meet all needs for handicapped persons," said Harold Davis, architect for the project.

Extra meeting room will be available for student organizations with the expansion of the fourth and fifth floors above the Dorothy Betts Marvin Theatre. Student groups are now "sandwiched in the . . . inadequate space on the fourth floor," Cole said.

Other proposed changes include a more accessible entrance on H Street and a glass atrium on 21st Street, Davis said. Renovations will "relieve extreme overcrowding and inefficiency of the building," he added.

Modifications are part of the campus improvement plan and are scheduled to be completed by spring 1996, Cole said.

Opposition groups argued that University efforts to meet community needs have been inadequate. A resident of West End Apartments, a building adjacent to the Marvin Center, said, "We have the potential to go through a living hell in our building . . . and GW has done very little about it."

Cole said the University has accommodated the needs of Foggy Bottom residents. He said GW's food contractor ServiceMaster has agreed to make no food deliveries before 7 a.m. in the loading dock near the West End apartments. In addition, Cole said GW plans to adhere to regulated construction times in the District and to provide parking for West End tenants during renovation.

The BZA will hear additional testimony March 2.

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State of our union

"It is growing stronger but it must be stronger still."

Although President Clinton used those words to describe the state of the union, they aptly address the state of GW. In the past year, the University substantially increased its presence and spurred tremendous improvement. But it cannot rest on its laurels. 1994 must bring further change to usher the school into a new era.

The greatest area for improvement has to be community relations. Just as many criticize Clinton for isolating Republicans, clashes between GW and Foggy Bottom residents have gained unprecedented fury. President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg has stated the need of a gown for the town, but now nobody wants either. For a school that prides — and advertises — its established and respected role in the Washington community, current problems with that community demand a solution, especially if the University hopes to expand.

Along those lines of expansion, GW has promised a grand building plan. Little has materialized except for renovation of the University Inn, just as President Clinton has not acted on his plan to reform the welfare system. Even though the city only recently has approved the WETA project and is still considering the expansion of the Marvin Center, the University can do much more. The plans for the Health and Wellness Center remain unrealized. Townhouses slated to house University offices stand empty while renovation work drags along.

A flood of applicants rolling in on the Inauguration and men's basketball success brought an ad hoc arrangement to reduce the effects of increased enrollment. That plan can work for one year, but the school needs a coherent plan regarding its hopes for higher academic standards, improved admissions, a better image and the realities of campus life. GW has survived the numerous handicaps, but it has to have more direction for the future.

Overall, the University should value substance over style, not the other way around. With the impending 175th anniversary celebration and the start of a new century, changes will eventually come. Things must start now to guide a smooth transition. Yes, GW is growing stronger, but it should not be satisfied. A better future awaits.

Setting things straight

The University has unveiled its plan to deal with the loss of school days last week, giving the final say to individual classes. Unfortunately, few professors have brought up the issue, leaving many students to flounder in ignorance.

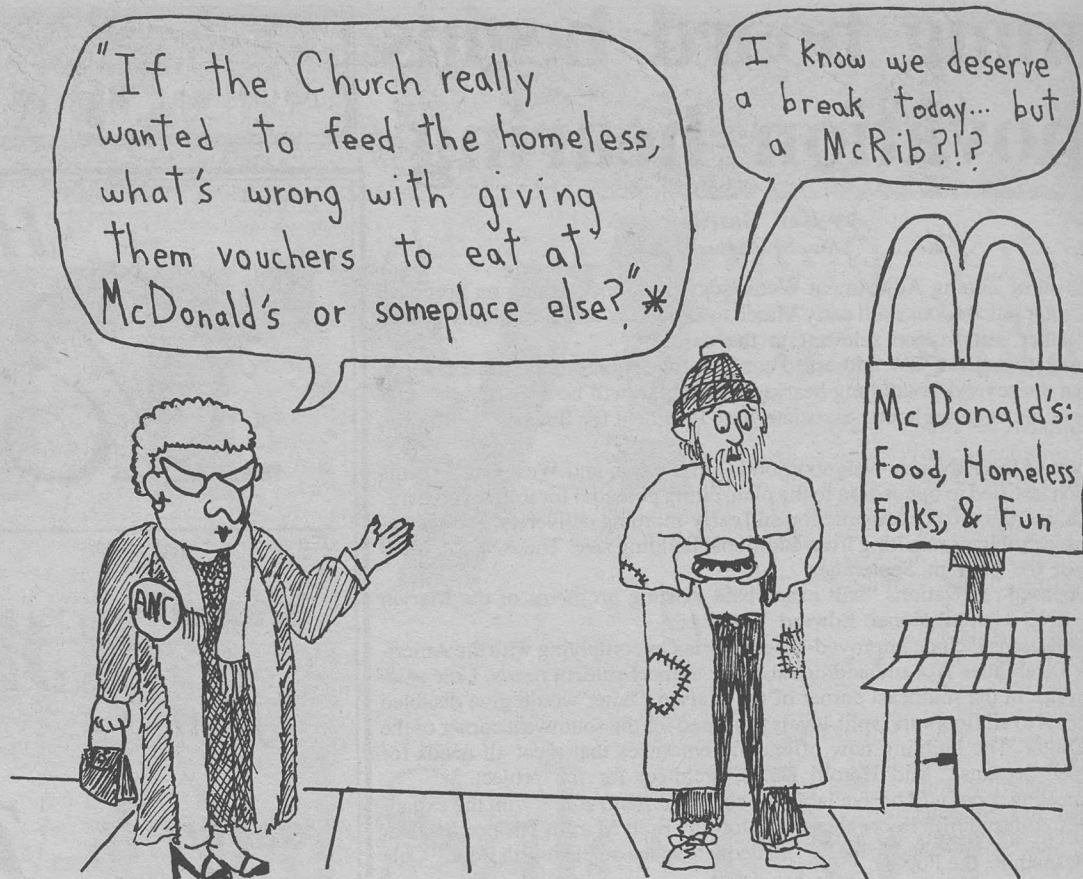
Vice President for Academic Affairs Roderick French released a non-mandatory proposal Tuesday that sets a timetable for making up the missed classes. It recognizes the reality of the situation and probably best deals with it too, despite taking away valuable time to review in the reading days.

This information, however, has barely made its way to the students after two full days of availability. It's not a matter to treat lightly and deserves settlement before any coverage of class material. The whole problem rests on communication and discussion. If students don't have the facts, no one can make the right decision. This the only way we can voice our views. It doesn't get any simpler.

Pressing forward without presenting the available options hurts the education students purchase. Announcing the plan and debating the merits or needs of making up classes can prevent potential confusion. Settling the issue once and for all will help everyone.

Everyone has long assumed Presidents' Day as a holiday. Some have fashioned vacation plans; others count on a free day to partake in a Colonial basketball game that will draw a national television audience. The more time that passes before teachers address and resolve this dilemma, the less people will agree with the decision.

Granted, GW is dealing with an entirely unforeseen situation. Nobody plans for four lost school days. The University has proposed a reasonable path to effectively handle this obstacle. It must be completely carried out though to ensure satisfaction.



* Actual quote from ANC Commissioner

Jim Geraghty 7/10/94

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A vote for voting

The international student looking for a voice, the engineering student, the overlooked graduate student, the loyal fraternity or sorority member and many others want to know what the Student Association can do for them. That is what I want to know. What can the Student Association do for me? It can ensure that I have access to basketball tickets, even make sure I do not have to pay the controversial lockout fee, but I want more. GW students deserve more. There is only one way to accomplish that — vote.

If, in the course of GW events, it becomes necessary to ask for accountability, then an ever-challenging eye will be raised. All too often, the question GW students ask themselves is "why vote?" Let the question "when do I vote?" be the foundation of the 1994 GW elections.

As voting time approaches, I wonder what role responsible action and accountability will play. These two doctrines are precious to GW students in every aspect of work, rest and play. The SA election provides a time for all that is right with GW to appear. Creativity, opinions, debate, honesty and hope all wait for the call of the candidates. Moreover, these ideals serve the GW student by creating a call for accountability. These ideas are preserved by the ballots on election day.

After all, the SA election is about the GW student. Yet, unfortunately the most overlooked aspect of GW spring-time politics is the student. This ought not continue. GW democracy is in question. The respect that administration and faculty have for the SA is in question. The answer lies with the ballot cast by the GW student.

The role the Student Association plays as a student advocate needs defining. Simply, as a student at GW, I am

concerned about how accountable it is to me. The immediate answer to that concern is the vote. In its formation, the SA is an organization with tremendous potential. The time to be very much in favor of the SA is now.

Every person reading these words must vote. The more votes that are cast the more accountable any elected leader becomes. Every registered person at GW must invoke accountability upon our SA. I do not want to be able to count the number of people who vote on the fingers and toes of a mere 100 people.

In addition, go to the SA office now and after the elections. It is, after all, your office. Go see it. See what is being done. See what you can do. Be accountable. Each person at GW has a responsibility to vote. Winston Churchill once said, "The price of excellence is responsibility." Are you willing to pay?

-Gary Weisman



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OPINION

Peace plan expands Middle East conflicts

As expected, the Israeli-Palestinian peace agreement reached Sept. 13 didn't end the harmful violence between the Palestinian and Israeli people. It may end the conflict between the Israeli government and Palestine Liberation Organization but never between the two people. Again, this agreement is not enough to forget about 45 years of bloodshed, wars, crimes and hatred among Palestinians and Israelis, because the "historical" accord sealed by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat doesn't represent all the Palestinian and Israeli people.

No matter what Israel and the PLO do, every day means war in the occupied territories. It is not only a war between Israelis and Palestinians, but also among Israelis and their government and Palestinians and PLO.

There will never be a total peace in Palestine. Many Palestinians prefer to fight and die as martyrs rather than to accept this agreement. For many Palestinians, Arafat is a traitor who traded the land for peace.

This agreement is going to explode. Palestinians and Israelis work to stop the peace plan. In Damascus, revolutionist Palestinian leader Ahmad Jibril warned Arafat that he was risking assassination if he went through the peace accord with Israel. Meanwhile, the Popular Front, led by George Ahabash, hopes to derail the PLO-Israeli accord with attacks on Israelis.

On the other hand, the Israeli people consider that their government is shaming the Jewish people and shaming themselves in this agreement. Radical Israelis think that once Palestinians take control over the Gaza Strip and the West Bank of Jericho after the Israeli withdrawal that there will be a real danger threatening the Israeli settlements in the area. The notion of armed Palestinian police officers entering the territories makes the angry settlers raise their voices against their government.

Samer Hussein

So a new war has started. Before the peace accord was signed, there were just two enemies, Palestinians against Israelis. Now the Israeli-Palestinian conflict changes into Israeli-Israeli and Palestinian-Palestinian war. The Israeli intention is not to withdrawal totally from the occupied territories.

The problem is that Arafat has signed the agreement with Israel before he discussed the important issues which are now threatening the accord. He is trying to justify his position to his people because he already knows that Israel will never leave Palestinians rule themselves. The situation is very sensitive, mainly because there has been no progress on the ground.

As Israelis and Palestinians struggle to settle their conflict in the peace talks, the violent protests in the occupied territories make the Israeli withdrawal look difficult. It is clear that the negotiations suffer from major obstacles over security matters.

The two people agreed not to live in peace. Radical Israelis started a new wave of violence in the occupied territories by blocking streets, beating Palestinians, damaging Arab-owned cars and stores and burning Palestinian flags. They want to stop the PLO-Israeli peace talks and interrupt the creation of the new Palestinian government. As well, the Popular Front, the Islamic group of Hamas and the Palestinian rejectionists believe that the best way to foil the deal is to create antagonism to the agreement among Israelis by using terror.

The huge number of casualties in the occupied territories shows the impossible life that Israelis and Palestinians can't share. In fact, Arafat and Rabin can't be peacemakers by using terror to settle peace down. Thousands of Palestinians are still in Israeli jails. Keeping these prisoners is a sign of war and disagreement between Israelis and Palestinians.

If Rabin believes in the necessity of the new Palestinian government to exist, he should release the Palestinian prisoners and let the Palestinian government judge them. But this won't happen, because Israel is not convinced yet that Palestinians can rule themselves and take control over the security of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

As one nation, Palestinians and Arabs should understand that making peace with Israel is a decision which all Arabs should take. The Israeli-Arab conflict is only solved when Arabs talk to Israel in one voice and not separately.

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Labels keep dream grounded in reality

Last Monday afternoon I considered the holiday, the birthday of the admirable Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. On the evening news, I watched clips of speeches given in his honor. Eric Holder, U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia, addressed a black community and appealed for peace and tolerance, pointing out the proliferation of hatred and self-destructiveness among some of the black youth today.

Next, Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly spoke fervently of the children — how they were not to blame for the daily tragedies and violence, how they were not responsible for drug traffic and unfair economy. Finally, the Rev. Jesse Jackson pounded a podium and reiterated the problematic nature of racial tensions and their ensuing bloodshed. He spoke of Dr. King and how his dream has not been achieved.

Jessica Smith

The constant parade of statistics and headlines have brought this reality to every American home with blood red, black and white clarity. At the first commercial break the news was dependably depressing. The association between celebration and the anniversary of this great pioneer's birthday seemed weakened in light of the tremendous distance that still lies between the state of our society and his aspirations. I found myself agreeing with Jackson: Dr. King would be disappointed. While he would still offer encouragement, he would believe that we had failed thus far.

Sadly, though we have made great political strides, we do not seem to have the will that once was. True compassion is scant in our efforts to help the less fortunate. We know the problems: divisiveness, distrust, violence, etc. A steady stream of rhetoric and lip service has made us well-acquainted with fitting words and explanatory terms.

We also know the terrifying images well; fortunately most of us have not experienced their grim reality firsthand. The overuse of the words and pictures has weakened their impact. Beyond a dull guilt for being more fortunate and a pervasive

sense of helplessness, what do they evoke now? Have we reached ennui for murder, bloodshed and destruction?

Today, few events generate the warm blush of inspiration and a sincere hope in a more peaceful tomorrow. However, the last news story I saw impressed me, refreshed my sense of humanity, and gave me hope that Dr. King would believe us when we revere him. Riddick Bowe and his manager presided over 14 hours of an orderly procession of turning in guns. Bowe gave \$100 for each firearm. When the cash ran out and the guns kept coming, Mr. Bowe wrote personal checks. He handed out more than \$100,000.

Spectators and participants made a sincere effort to break down barriers and move toward reconciliation. These expressions hammered into the public conscience over and over, rarely tinged with any real meaning. How could not a crusader for peace take pride in this endeavor? How could we not rejoice in this positive sign rather than continue to exploit the grotesqueness of the urban blight? Yet this was not even a focus story.

I regret that I cannot offer sound economic solutions or a flawless job-creation plan. However, we will soon become the powers-that-be, and one day the responsibility will be resting on our heads. Our children will be the ones we seek to protect. In our collegiate environment, there is little the average student can do for the greater good of humanity. But there is much that we can accomplish within.

The root of racial tension and polarization is individual belief systems, strengthened in groups of friends and organizations and not limited to blatant racism. Most of us have benevolent views and are compassionate. We spare some change occasionally and consider ourselves egalitarian. But we still fear "them," and the label is all too transient. On the anniversary of Dr. King's birthday, when blame and negativity overshadow generosity and a real effort toward peace, I fear the separatist label is coming home to all of us.

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BCA case crumbles in light of basic facts

Listening to Georgetown University men's basketball head coach John Thompson speak, one cannot help but be attentive. His booming voice commands respect. So when Thompson recently spoke out against the NCAA and its attempt to raise academic standards and reduce athletic scholarships, I originally couldn't help but agree with him.

After all, it's no secret Scholastic Aptitude Tests are culturally biased. To raise the standards of the SAT would be a further blow to an already oppressed group.

However, the more Thompson's argument is analyzed, the more it crumbles. According to the United States Department of Education, there are 1.3 million black students enrolled in colleges across the country. Of this number, only about 2,400 are men's basketball players at the Division I level who would be affected by the stricter guidelines.

Bill Foley

Basically, Thompson and the Black Coaches Association are fighting for less than 1 percent of the population they profess to care for. And it just happens to be the faction that can dunk a basketball. What about the thousands of black kids who get high SAT scores, but can't shoot a basketball? Who's fighting to get scholarships for them?

When basketball coaches say it is wrong to cut scholarships that couldn't be used to keep from falling through the cracks of our biased system, they're right.

For some, basketball provides a lease on life. They shouldn't be deprived of this opportunity. But what about the even larger group of kids who get good grades, yet don't get the chance to go to college because of financial constraints? Who's fighting for them?

Certainly not anyone in our athletic departments. But, if you can hit a three-pointer or a turnaround from the baseline, you'll have no problem finding a self-serving coach who will fight for you.

Colleges have become so obsessed with winning and the financial windfall that follows that academics no longer matter. After all, what is more important, an education or winning?

So our college coaches band together using the facade of helping poor black kids to shield them from the truth. With the system the way it is now, kids are left with little choice. The message being sent is clear.

Forget the books and work on that jumpshot.

Bill Foley is sports editor of the University of Southern Maine Free Press, a member of the College Press Service.

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said, GW is involved in "distance education," a program in which GW teaches via television to remote locations. The Internet allows "professors to guide, but gives students freedom (to explore on their own)," Reese said.

Gopher's vast reference depository could also help alleviate library problems, Reese said. He said libraries like GW's Gelman Library holds only a finite number of resources, but the Internet solves that limitation.

GW graduate student Liz Ginexi said she has used the GWUVM for two years. She said she uses the mainframe for statistical work and to write to her sister in France. "It's kind of cool — free mail," she said.

Graduate student Carina Angull said she has only used e-mail for three days and is "still trying to get it to work."

Speed limits

Where does the future lie for the Internet? Reese said the recent advances in Internet allow a glimpse into the next decade. Already, direct connections to

the Internet at GW allow for transfer of digitalized audio and video, as well as still photo-quality images.

Is there a speed limit on the information superhighway? No, Reese said. Now, Internet will operate as quickly as the connection allows. Modems can connect to the GW systems at speeds up to 9600 baud, the current industry standard. But direct connections will allow for much faster data transmission.

Reese said an ethernet connection — a special networking cable — allows computer enthusiasts to work with, for example, graphics that require high speeds to transmit over the Internet. Reese pointed out, however, that wiring GW's residence halls for ethernet would be costly.

Reese said he teaches an introduction course on the Internet, a class which is "always full."

While GW may not be at the technological forefront like Princeton and Cornell universities, which have been online for many years, Reese said GW compares "quite favorably."

In GW's quest to find the on-ramp to the information superhighway, Reese said he believes GW will "arrive on time." GW has advanced Internet facilities and is also the technical host for CapAccess, a gopher-like system that serves the D.C. Metro area.

"GW is leading the way," Reese said.

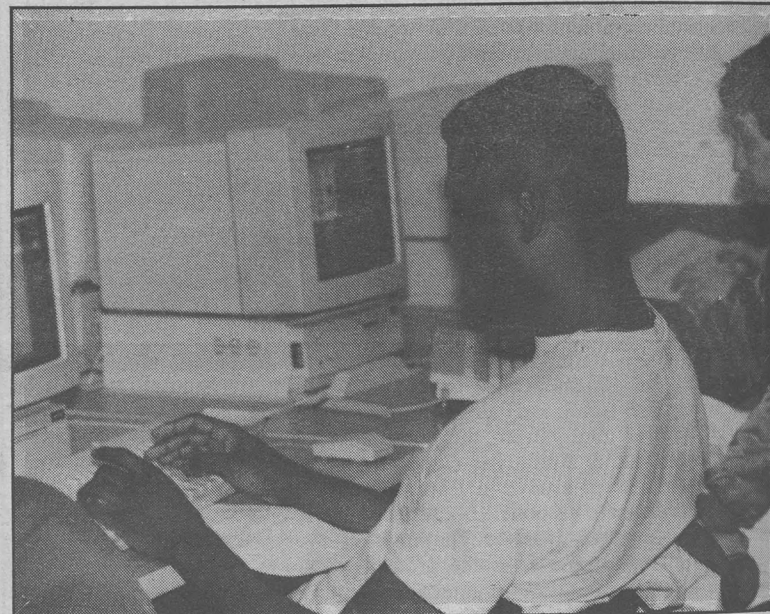


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Scholarships at GW not awarded by race

Majority of grants in U.S. are need-based

by Jennifer Batog
Senior Staff Writer

A study recently released by the General Accounting Office found that minority targeted scholarships receive about 4 percent of a school's undergraduate scholarship dollars.

This finding, however, does not pertain to financial aid at GW. The University does not have scholarships geared toward specific minorities.

"We don't designate our scholarships that way," said Ruthe Kaplan, assistant director of the Office of Student Financial Assistance. "It's strictly need-based. If the need is there, (students) get their fair share of the pie," she said. She added that students who fill out the proper forms on time have a better chance of getting aid than those who don't.

Kaplan also said the financial aid office has no way of knowing how many minorities receive aid because students are not asked to provide that information on either the University's financial aid forms or on the Federal Aid Form.

James Spaulding, a senior evaluator for the GAO, said of the 300 schools studied, one-third did not have any minority targeted scholarships, while the remaining two-thirds had at least one.

The study of 150 public and 150 private institutions was conducted between May 1992 and last November.

According to the GAO report, scholarships targeted at minorities on the graduate school level accounted for 5 percent of all scholarship funds. For

dental, law or medical schools, minority scholarships made up 15 percent.

Spaulding said in addition to sending questionnaires, GAO did six case studies. One of the schools studied had minority-targeted scholarships in the past but renamed them after 1990 when controversy arose around these types of scholarships, he said.

The report also said the scholarships were not only geared toward racial or ethnic minorities, but also toward disabled students or those over 40 years old.

At the undergraduate level, 75 percent of minority scholarships awarded were based on ethnicity or race. Religion and sex were the next largest categories, followed by awards based on age. Scholarships based on disability or nationality were less common, the report said.

Race or ethnicity was the only factor in 5 percent of the undergraduate schools surveyed, the report said. Overall, these types of awards represented less than 1 percent of all scholarships awarded in both undergraduate and graduate schools and approximately 3 percent in professional school, the report said.

Spaulding said a minority-targeted scholarship was defined as one in which the school had a role in selecting the recipients. He also said the study, which was commissioned by members of Congress, excluded Pell Grants and scholarships for women, because of Title IX of the Education Amendment of 1972. The names of the schools surveyed remain confidential, he added.

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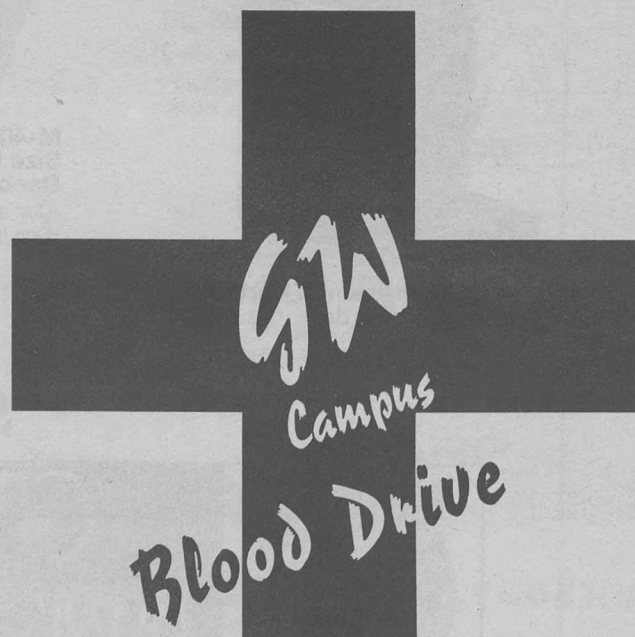
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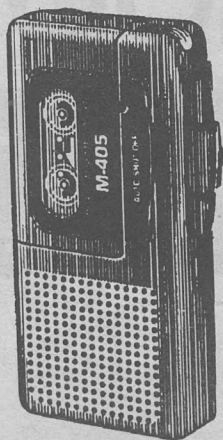
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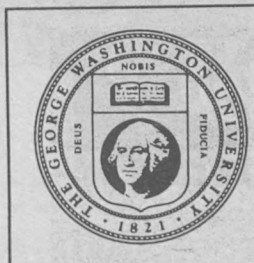


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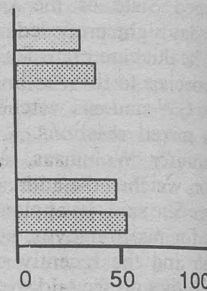
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Source: Office of Judicial Affairs

Alcohol comprises most infringements

by Oscar Avila
News Editor

Student violations during the first semester followed several trends from the 1992-93 academic year, according to statistics released this week by the Office of Judicial Affairs.

About 40 percent of the 134 student violations last semester were alcohol-related, compared to about one-third of all violations last year.

Slightly more than half of students charged with alcohol violations were freshmen, compared with 49 percent in 1992-93. Administrators consider freshmen in residence halls to be a high-risk group for violations.

But Assistant Dean of Students Jan-Mitchell Sherrill said he thinks campus substance abuse prevention programs have helped make a dent in alcohol violations.

"We might be starting to make some headway," Sherrill said. "For a long time, a lot of alcohol-related violations were repeat offenders."

Judicial Affairs handled 20 alcohol violations by freshmen in September and October. That number dropped to five total for November and December.

The University did see its share of major incidents last semester. A fresh-

man was found guilty by the University Hearing Board in December of arson after setting a fire in a Thurston Hall study lounge.

In addition, nine students were found guilty last semester for drug-related offenses, including two freshmen evicted in December for marijuana possession. Two more students were charged last week in drug-related cases.

Administrators also had to handle a new type of violation last semester: phone fraud. More than 50 students were charged last semester with improperly using telephone access code numbers.

Less than half of the students charged with phone fraud were found guilty, however. Sherrill said Judicial Affairs only prosecuted students who had an "intent to defraud."

Many students are unaware of how to use the telephone access code system and accidentally entered their student number or other codes, he said.

"We're hoping to work to give them a good education about the system," Sherrill said. He said the University will enclose more information about how to use the system in this month's phone bill.

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Campus airs reaction to Clinton address

by Harold Bollaci
Hatchet Staff Writer

President Clinton, in an emotionally charged State of the Union address Tuesday night, proposed his solutions to the "health care crisis," as well as new approaches to the war on crime. Interested GW students watched the address with mixed reactions.

Jennifer Wohnhaas, a psychology major, watched the address with enthusiasm. She said she applauded the president for his initiatives, specifically on crime and the recently passed Brady law. Although she said she would like to see stricter penalties for criminals, she said Clinton's proposal "is a step closer than we are now."

John Cosgriff was more critical of Clinton. "He delivered a terrific speech, but as we have seen in the past his actions rarely match his rhetoric," Cosgriff said.

"Although he made valid points, I don't think he can do anything about them," said sophomore and international affairs major David Divins. "By taking a stand on welfare and crime, he sounded like a Republican."

Clinton also reflected on his administration's handling of foreign policy during the past year. He called for a ban on nuclear testing as well as addressing Russian economic reform and the recently passed GATT agreement. Clinton

also reassured the country that he would keep a strong military.

When Clinton addressed the issue of foreign policy, Josh Kramer said the president "took a more serious tone."

"Last year Clinton did a respectable job, but at the same time our first concern should be to focus on our efforts here," Kramer said.

Freshman Kevin Gallagher called Clinton's speech "powerful." "Clinton set a lot of goals for himself," Gallagher said, "but it's going to be a hard road ahead."

Gallagher was not as positive about health care, though. Clinton's proposal "frightens me," he said.

Wohnhaas disagreed. "Nobody has ever met the challenge of health care," she said.

"The State of the Union is supposed to make the programs look good and the programs look achievable," sophomore Megan Hartman said. "Everything sounded nice. Whether or not the programs get approved and bills get passed is yet to be seen." She added that Clinton's "speaking ability" has improved.

"I think some of his proposals were little ambitious, but I trust him," sophomore Heather McNatt said.

-Asst. News Editor Tracy Sisser
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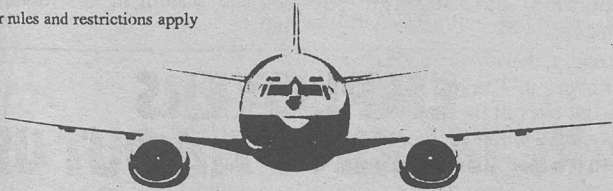
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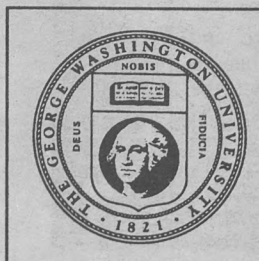
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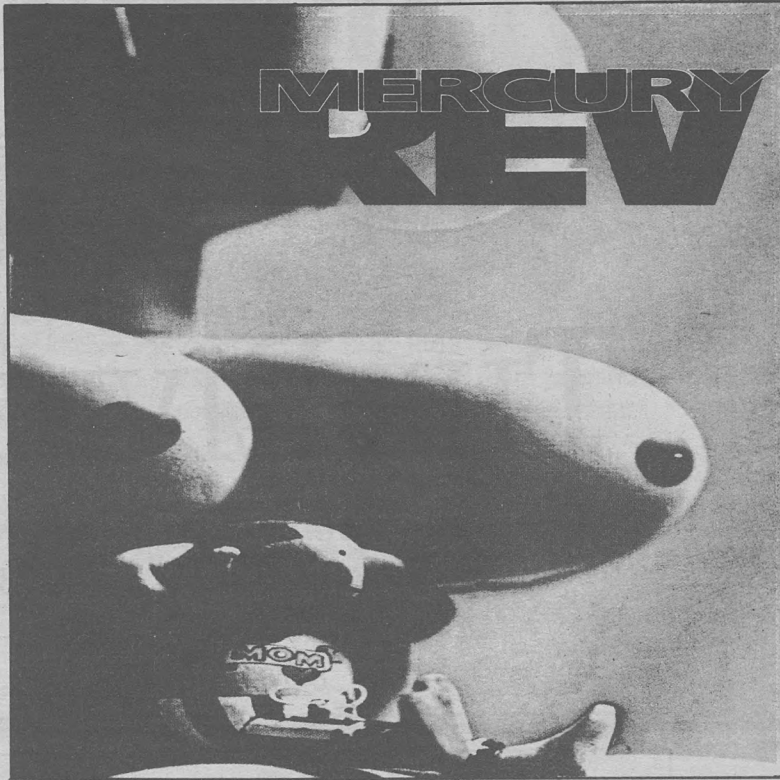
Rev to the next level in science and music

by Mark Esposito

While comparing Mercury Rev's latest album *Boces* (Columbia) with its '91 debut, *Yerself is Steam*, the first thought to arise was: musical anarchy. It was as if a group of extremely musically talented scientists were trying to prove the chaos theory. And if this album was their experiment, it would become the chaos fact.

The band, six guys from western New York, met "while dreaming of 3-D sounds in the colors of the solar spectrum" (as stated in the bio). The new band began recording in 1989 and did some work on the soundtrack for Howard Nelson's independent film *Lite-Brite*.

Through strange samplings of sounds and bending of notes, the music shifts from the serene to the extremely bizarre. Several songs sound like you were receiving a pirate radio show or something poorly produced on the BBC World Service. But two of the best songs (for contemporary radio play) are "Trickle Down" and "Hi-Speed Boats." "Trickle Down" employs a fine blending of guitars, samplers and voices, each



going in its own direction and at times meeting up for a chorus or two. "Hi-Speed Boats" begins with a gentle guitar and accelerates into an even paced song that luckily never turns into a multi-car wreck.

Beside the strangeness of the band and its concept of music, the recording locations also help put a unusual twist on the album. "Boys Peel Out" was cut in the Dunkirk Junior High School cafeteria, parts for "Something for Joey" were recorded at the Rocket Test

Center at NASA and tracks of "Meth Of A Rockette's Kick" were done in Elvis Presley's Jungle Room at Graceland.

For those who have their money on Whitney Houston sweeping the Grammy's or are turned on by the old / new sound of Van Morrison-esque Counting Crows, this band is not for you. But if you are willing to expand your musical horizons and take a wonderful trip of sight and sound, Mercury Rev is just right.

And definitely different.

Belle resonates in Constitution Hall

by Yvette Michael

On Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday there was no better way to salute the dream... the hope of success... the vision of happiness... the reverie of what the future holds... than with a powerful performance by a woman who has lived this dream — singer Regina Belle.

So magnificent was her power and so noble was her performance Jan. 16 at Constitution Hall that no one should deny her the two Grammy nominations she is up for this year for her performance of "A Whole New World" from the movie *Aladdin*. She is ready to win; she wants to win. And if the thrill exhilarated among her audience at Constitution Hall is a fair conclusion of her splendor, she will win.



"... the powerful, dynamite,

Belle rushed onto stage in a figure-hugging, electric blue dress with matching tights and had the audience roaring in seconds. She was everything the audience hoped for — "the powerful, dynamite, very sexy Regina Belle," as the accurate master of ceremonies put it.

Performing songs off her new album *Passion* (Columbia), the diva's voice echoed through the hall, sending shivers down listeners' backs. Passionate as Belle was, the *Passion* also revealed the woman, wife and mother she is today.

"Quiet Time" exposed the love in her, and "If I Could" was a dedication to her children. Belle's rendition of her 1991 Grammy-nominated single "Make It Like It Was" was a little jazzed up, but few in the audience complained. She sang it with all the emotion of pleading, yearning and crying in pain.

Belle's version of *Aladdin's* theme, "Whole New World" was, of course, perfect. Once again, she and a backup singer captured the listeners' attention, allowing them to reminisce the magical romance of the movie characters.

Belle is a talented performer, and there is no doubt she has worked hard to be this close to perfect. She has taken the time to study the masters of music and her tribute to Billie Holliday was enough verification. Belle did not need a microphone, nor did she need her talented back-up singers. The power in her voice, the conviction of her delivery, the passion of her performance proved her mere presence was enough.

This "night of eternal passion," (the M.C. again) began with Keith Washington stimulating delight into a crowd of hysterical women. Washington was a lot more pleasing to the ear than the eye, though. His butt-clinging leather pants and starched, white pirate shirt, cropped leather vest and silver jewelry drove the women crazy. They screamed, yelled and had what appeared to be multiple orgasms as they thrust themselves rhythmically against the chairs in front of them. No shit.

Washington reminds one of Belle five years ago when her bustiers and miniskirts stole our attention from her virgin voice. To watch her achieve this glorious dream makes one believe that Washington will one day vibrate the walls of Constitution Hall the way Belle did.



very sexy Regina Belle."

Philly delicacy phinds phederal city phame

by Jeff Hatton
and
Elissa Leibowitz

Rumor has it that a GW fraternity brother some time ago sent his pledges to Philadelphia one night because he longed for what makes that town so unique — a cheese steak.

For those who don't know what the Sandwich to End All Sandwiches is, here's a brief explanation: You sizzle some thinly-sliced beef on a grease-laden grill, chop it up, gently blanket it with white American cheese and slide it all onto a hoagie, er, Italian roll with fried onions, mushrooms, peppers, pizza sauce, etc.

It makes sense why someone would travel two hours just for the delicacy. But travel no more, cheese steak lovers. The trend has caught on down here, and several vendors in Washington now offer some pretty good replications of the Philly great.

The Philadelphia Cheese Steak Factory, 3331 M St. N.W. (333-8040). Just two words make this Georgetown newcomer tops here: Amoroso rolls. The Philly rolls that cradle such famous cheese steaks as those at Geno's and Jim's in South Philly and Pat's Steaks on South Street are as fresh as ever here.

The cheese steak (\$4.69) came blessed with soft and appropriately chopped meat grilled with a hint of black pepper. The fried onions were fresh, as were the hot peppers and mushrooms. The thin sauce was pungent and tangy but unfortunately repeated on us hours after the sandwich was consumed. (But in some Philly neighborhoods, that's a plus.)

By some magical chemical reaction, the white American cheese merged with the meat to create a satisfying mix. Free delivery, too.

Philadelphia Mike's, 605 12th St. N.W. 737-5326.

This chaotic restaurant had the right feel: wood paneling, mismatched chairs at wood-simulated Formica tables and sandwiches served in red, plastic baskets.

As confused as the staff was by the simple task of taking our order and getting it right, the cheese steak (\$5.29 for a medium) was sub-par for Philadelphia but average for Washington.

But really, there was nothing spectacular about it. The roll was freshly baked, but overall the sandwich was bland, even when doctored with sauce that tasted like it was from a jar.

Philadelphia Mike's, however, caters to those Washingtonians who insist on straying from true Philadelphia style. The restaurant offers its steaks "Washington style," with mayonnaise, lettuce and tomato, non-chopped meat and Provolone on top.

We were put off, however, by the adjacent bar for one simple fact: the supposed Philly sports bar is disgraced at its entrance by a large glossy poster of a Redskins / Dolphins game. Oh, the horror.

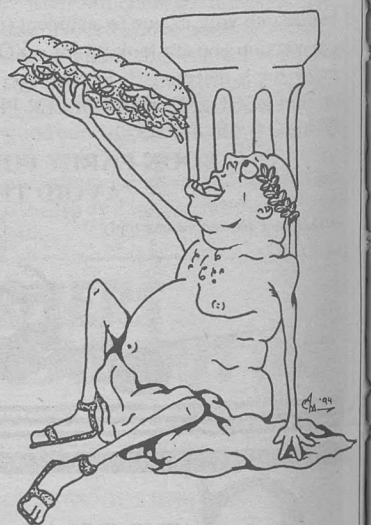
The Manhattan Deli, 2001 L St. N.W. (659-3030) One thing is for sure here: New Yorkers are better known for corned beef on rye than for their cheese steaks.

Should this deli even count? After all, what the deli sells is actually called a Ribeye Steak (\$3.95) served Washington style. Its preparation was interesting, with raw onion ringlets fried directly under the meat before both were chopped together, but the product was pitiful. The meat was fatty, chopped poorly and served on Thurston cafeteria-like rolls.

George's, the Marvin Center, fifth floor. Don't even bother. Eating a "Philadelphia-style cheese steak" here is an insult to all Phillies fans. William Penn would throw up on Independence Hall.

Simply put, the meat resembled a Steakumm on its deathbed, barely redeemed by a yellow, slimy slab of cheese and squishy rolls. With George's, we had no idea how long our sandwich sat under a heat lamp.

So during the Superbowl this weekend, impress your non-worldly friends by passing on Domino's and serving up some cheese steaks. And maybe they, too, will understand how John Kruk got so fat.



ARTS & FEATURES

Sean Michael Dargan leads his local band of long hairs

Virginia rocker moonlights in language lab

by Heather O'Connor

All musicians have something that sets them apart from their contemporaries. Some dress or wear their hair a particular way. Some do drugs or get arrested on a weekly basis. Local guitarist / singer Sean Michael Dargan records all his demos on Spanish language lab tapes.

The young musician and his three-member folk / rock band, aptly named the Sean Michael Dargan Band, have been a familiar site at local clubs for the past few years. GW students most recently heard the Fredricksburg, Va., native, who also performs solo acoustic acts, at the MDA Superdance benefit last Saturday.

Dargan, who describes his songs as "melancholy with a slight uptwist," is eagerly promoting the SMD Band's soon-to-be-released CD, *Dance on the Windows*. The 11-track collection of original songs should be in fans' hands in about a month, Dargan says.

As for the language lab tapes, Dargan admits that it is difficult to make a living as a musician. He supplements his performance income by directing the language lab at his alma mater, Mary Washington College in Fredricksburg, Va.

"That's how I get to swipe the (language lab) tapes," he laughs.

The SMD Band's namesake has high hopes for his band. Dargan is producing *Dance on the Windows* himself, but vows that within a year a major label will sign them on.

"We're headed straight to the top," the 25-year-old predicts.

The SMD Band is headed in the right direction with a solid fan base in the

various clubs and bars where it plays. The band attracts fans at every age. Dargan loves them all.

"I like singing to people," he says. "It doesn't really matter how old they are."

Despite having his name, voice and guitar on center stage, Dargan is eager to spread the credit for the success of the SMD Band around. The band recently acquired a new bass player, Jesse Griffin, who Dargan lured all the way back from Madison, Wis. Dargan is also enthusiastic about his drummer, Kyle Palmatory — the best drummer Dargan says he has ever played with.

"Kyle's got great hair, too," Dargan adds, noting the increased pickup potential for guys with good hair. "We're a strong-haired band."

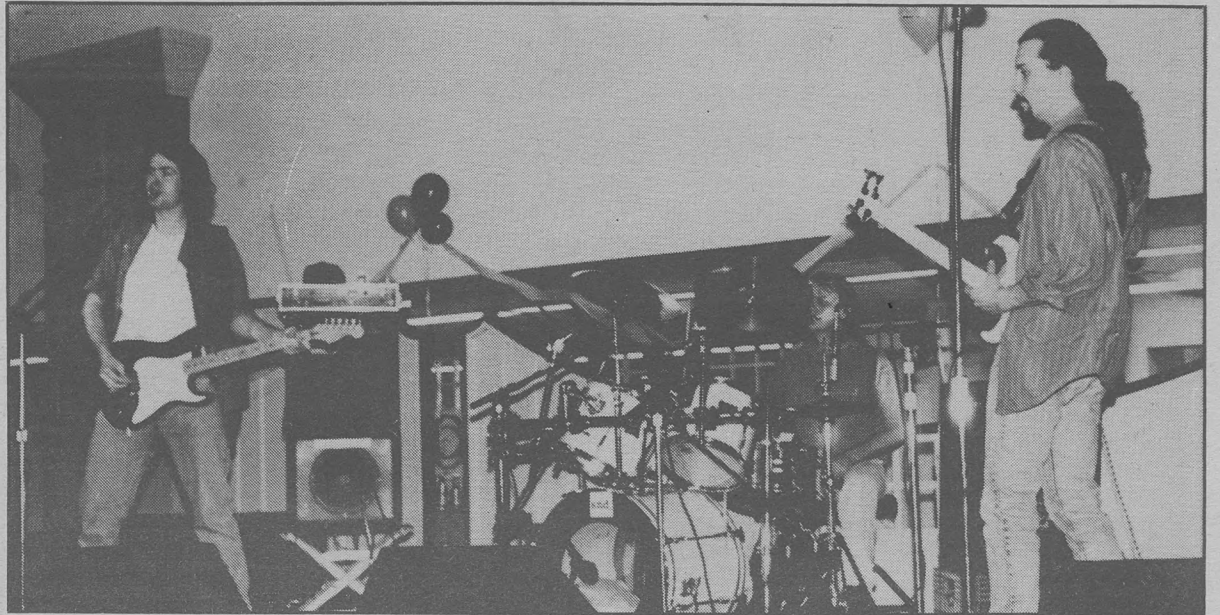
Dargan performs his solo acoustic act several times a month, but says that most of his songs are written for the band.

"I enjoy playing solo," Dargan says, "but I definitely get a much more widespread fulfillment out of playing with the band."

The SMD Band plays covers as well as its own repertoire when it performs. Dargan says his favorites include R.E.M., the Replacements and Elvis Costello. Dargan recognizes the increased artistic freedom covering other bands gives him.

"I don't feel like my songs have to sound like anyone else's," Dargan explains. "If I want to do a Gin Blossoms song, I'll just do a Gin Blossoms song."

The Gin Blossoms, Rush, Neil Diamond, Rodney Foster... the SMD band covers everything from folk to country to alternative. The genre of the



(l. to r.) Dargan, Griffin and Palmatory

photos by Stefanil Rogers

songs it covers doesn't seem to matter to the SMD Band.

"If it's a good song then we can turn it into our own and give it the SMD flare," Dargan says.

The band spends most of its time on the road touring Virginia, Pennsylvania and the Carolinas, which can be hard. A fan and friend of Dargan described him as "a mystery man who comes and plays and makes us all happy... and then disappears."

Dargan admits that the description is probably pretty accurate. The band plays so many different towns and is on the road so much that none of the members get to spend much time in any one place.

"I have little pockets of friends I've met through playing bars and clubs in

two or three states," he says. With performances three or four nights a week and a job back home, it is difficult to find time to spend with out-of-town friends.

"It's kind of a drag because I think I could be really good friends with these people," he adds.

Although Dargan gets a little sad when he talks about how few personal ties he has maintained, he is a musician first and foremost and has no regrets.

"I would rather do this than anything else in the world," he insists.

Dargan began his musical career at age four with the bagpipes (which, incidentally, he plays on the new CD). He picked up the guitar at 14 and played in several bad garage bands during high school. Dargan bought his first acoustic

guitar when he got to college and moved away from the music he describes as "archaic and morose."

"I caught on quick to the fact that people will actually sit and listen to you if you're not playing Iron Maiden," the former grunger jokes.

As for his Mary Washington College English degree... "I suppose I can always read if I need to," he laughs. "There's nothing like a good *Elements of Style* to help a song along."

The Sean Michael Dargan Band performs at the Bayou, 3130 K St. N.W., in March. Meanwhile, Dargan will perform solo (Jan. 31 and Feb. 14) and with the SMD Band (Feb. 11) at the Round Table, 4859 Wisconsin Ave. N.W.

Ryko rocks for right to Choose

by Brad Hennings

During the 12 years of the Reagan-Bush era, those concerned with reproductive rights felt they were in a constant state of embattlement. As a way of dealing with the situation, Craig Marks proposed compiling a record to benefit women's right to choose. Even though administrations have changed, he went ahead with the project, entitled *Born to Choose* (Rykodisk).

The wide variety of performers usually found on compilations is evident with the presence of bands like Pavement, Helmet, R.E.M. (with Natalie Merchant), Matthew Sweet and Sugar. Through a mixture of live and new material, the artists express their support for the cause in a passionate and engaging way.

Standout tracks include "Photograph" by R.E.M. and Natalie Merchant, a live "Distracted" by Helmet and a new track from Pavement called "Greenlander."

The R.E.M. song demonstrates a folkier feel, with Merchant's voice meshing surprisingly well with Michael Stipe's nasal twang.

Helmet crushes the listener with its track culled from a performance at the Cabaret Metro in Chicago. The usual bludgeoning guitars and heavy beat are in full force as Page Hamilton screams with fury.

In Pavement's song, an almost

ethereal atmosphere combines with its usual pop / light grunge sound and creates the sensation of being in Greenland.

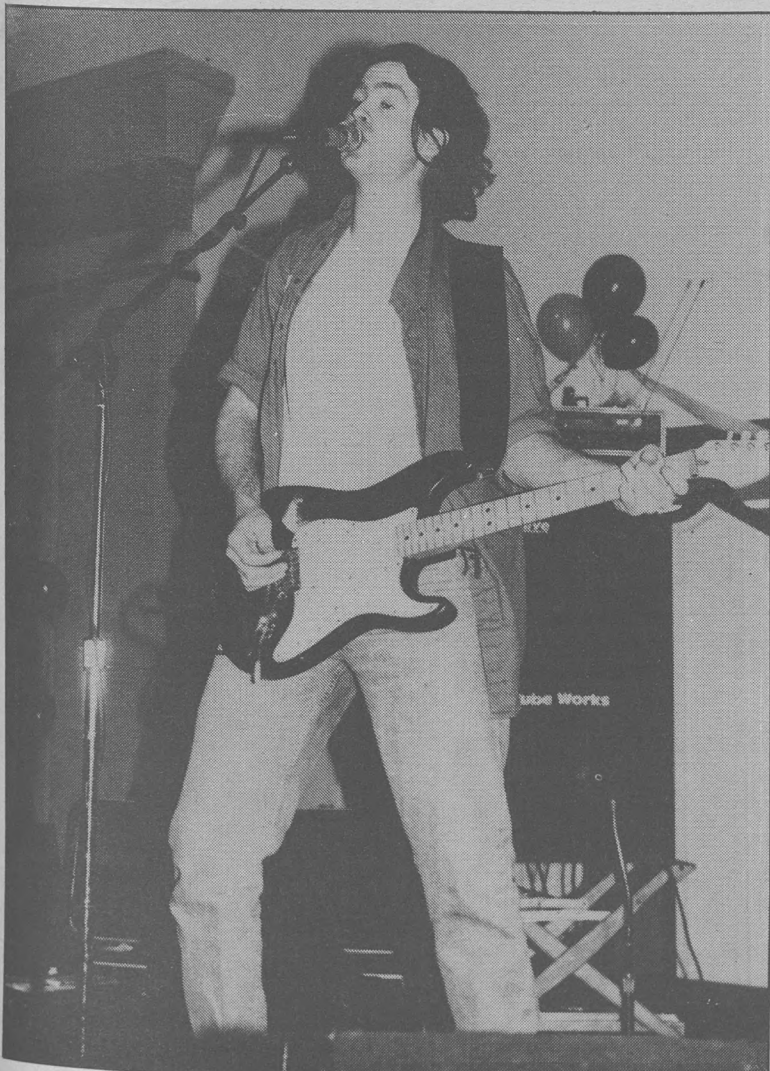
To ensure the message doesn't take a back seat to the music, the liner notes are filled with facts relating to the abortion issue and the ongoing struggle. Only 13 percent of the National Institute of Health's money is used to research women's

health issues. In addition, the federal government refuses to pay for abortions yet it pays for 90 percent of all sterilizations.

Regardless of your feelings about the issue, this is one of the best compilations out there today. Using a deft blend of music and politics, *Born to Choose* makes its position clearly heard.



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SA VP quits; accuses Adams of inactivity

President says firing had been planned

by Donna Brutkoski

Hatchet Staff Writer

Student Association Vice President for Public Affairs Georgia Graham has resigned her position, citing personal conflicts with SA President Scott Adams.

Adams said, however, that the SA had been planning to replace Graham for some time before she resigned.

"I cannot say I regret the fact that Georgia has resigned," Adams said in a statement released Wednesday. Adams said that he and other SA leaders felt that Graham "simply had not been doing her job."

Adams gave several reasons for his dissatisfaction with Graham's performance, including the late arrival of the Student Phone Directory, the lateness and lack of publicity of the arrival of the Freshman Record and the general disorganization of SA advertising. "These problems were not her sole responsibility, but they were the responsibility of her department," Adams said.

The public affairs department handles all advertising, public relations and publications like the Student Phone Directory for the SA.

But Graham said she felt it was Adams who was not doing his job. In her letter of resignation to Adams dated Jan. 20, Graham said, "certain facts and events have led me to the conclusion

that you are neither qualified for nor capable of fulfilling the requirements of your position."

Graham's letter also said it was "obvious" to her that Adams no longer wanted her to play any role in the SA. Graham could not be reached for further comment.

Adams said he did not understand what facts and events Graham was referring to, but he felt that his problems with her were legitimate. "We have not seen Georgia since November and have been forced to find someone new to do the duties that were to be hers," Adams said in the statement. Adams also said he felt that Graham had "bit off more than she could chew" and was therefore not able to perform all her duties to the best of her abilities.

"She had too many responsibilities in campus organizations, and the SA wasn't getting enough of her time," he said.

Adams stressed that he had repeatedly tried to contact Graham in the past two weeks, but that he had not gotten any response until receiving her letter of resignation. "I feel badly that she had to get so bitter about the situation," he said.

The SA Senate will consider candidates for the open position at its next meeting on Feb. 2.

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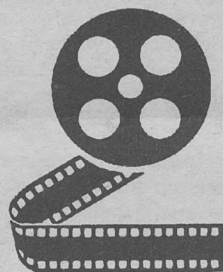
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Howard prof. wants to preserve cemetery

by Joanna Brown
Hatchet Reporter

A Howard University anthropologist on Tuesday called the discovery of a slave burial ground in New York a "phenomenon" for archaeological research.

Michael L. Blakely, a Howard University professor who heads the African Burial Ground Project, spoke on the complex archaeological and racial significance of the recent discovery of the remains of African-American slaves during a Black History Month event in the Marvin Center.

The slave burial ground under much of downtown Manhattan was discovered by workers excavating for the construction of the 36-story General Services Administration building. Its discovery created a controversy between those who wanted to remove it and those historians who want to preserve the site.

Blakely's primary concern was that the African community and his own

archaeological team be allowed to study the burial ground. He said he wanted to view it as the site of cultural history.

Blakely said that the African Burial Ground Project was a phenomenon because it brought into conflict cultural, political, historical and economic issues. Blakely said the conflict was between the Howard archaeologists and the initial team of archaeologists hired by GSA who "had never done any research on African-American remains."

He said the Howard University team had both experience in this field and the support of the descendants of those buried there.

He said this background created conflict between archaeologists and the black community's "outrage that cemetery and science were not approached with respect." Government officials, Blakely said, maintain that the descendants "have no right" to decide on "human remains as objects."

The GSA pushed to speed up the evacuation of the remains while Blakely

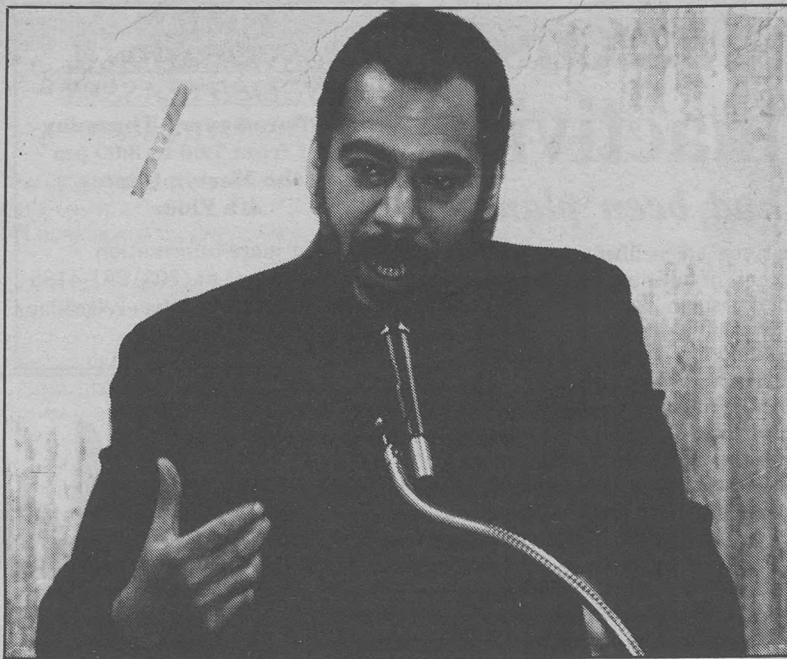


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Howard University professor Michael L. Blakely speaks about a recently discovered slave burial ground in Manhattan Tuesday.

and other supporters strove to conduct a scientifically and ethnically informed investigation of Broadway Block 154, the name for the burial ground's primary site.

During his speech, Blakely related the site's history, from the first 11 slaves purchased by this Dutch colony in 1629 to the current Congressional resolution that prevents construction on 30 percent of Block 154 (except for the possible creation of a monument).

Crime Log

The following crimes were reported to University Police between Jan. 20 and Jan. 25:

Thefts / Break-Ins

- 23rd & G St., Jan. 23. UPD received an anonymous phone call stating that two subjects were trying to break into the parking attendant's booth. UPD officers discovered the window to the door and side window broken out. Nothing appeared to be missing.

- Academic Center, Jan. 21. A GW employee reported the theft of a \$1,000 computer printer from the fourth floor.

- Gelman Library, Jan. 21. A student reported the theft of her wallet containing \$20 cash and credit cards.

- GW Bookstore, Jan. 13. A student reported the theft of her wallet containing \$60 cash and credit cards.

- Building GG, Jan. 13. A student reported the theft of her backpack — containing \$15 cash, a checkbook and credit cards — from the second-floor student lounge.

- Marvin Center, Jan. 13. A visitor reported that her wallet — containing \$20 cash and a Maryland ID — was stolen from her coat pocket while she was standing in line in the Market Square cafeteria.

- Mitchell Hall, Jan. 24. A GW employee reported the theft of two electric space heaters.

- Parking lot 11, Jan. 18. A GW Hospital employee reported that his vehicle was broken into. A set of golf clubs, computer equipment and \$730 worth of clothing were stolen.

- Parking lot 11, Jan. 22. A GW hospital employee reported his vehicle broken into. About \$1,250 of camera equipment was stolen.

- Smith Center, Jan. 19. A GW student reported the theft of \$171 worth of clothing from his locker.

- Smith Center, Jan. 19. A GW student reported the theft of a \$60 rear tire from his bicycle, parked on the ramp.

Assaults / Harassments

- Adams Hall, Jan. 23. A resident reported receiving harassing telephone calls from an unknown man.

- Madison Hall, Jan. 20. A resident reported receiving harassing telephone calls from an unknown man.

- Milton Hall, Jan. 15. A resident reported receiving harassing telephone calls from an unknown man.

- Milton Hall, Jan. 18. A resident reported receiving a harassing telephone call from an unknown man.

- Thurston Hall, Jan. 23. A resident reported receiving harassing telephone calls from an unknown man.



VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

MEMORANDUM

TO: Deans, Department Chairs and Faculty
Columbian College and Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
Elliott School of International Affairs
School of Business and Public Management
School of Education and Human Development
School of Engineering and Applied Science

FROM: Rod French
Vice President for Academic Affairs

DATE: January 24, 1994

RE: Recapturing Lost Class Days

Among the modern records established by nature's performance last week was the unprecedented cancellation of four days of classes at GW. Our former colleagues who are now emeriti will surely interpret this as a loss of rigor in the succession of generations.

In any event, we are faced with the logistical task of facilitating make-up sessions on a massive scale. After consultation with the Deans and Professor Robinson of the Faculty Senate, I have decided on the following plan as the one scheme that will be easiest to communicate to all affected students and faculty and the simplest to implement administratively.

The plan has five elements:

- (1) Tuesday April 26th, previously designated as day one of the Reading Period will be treated as a normal class day to make up for the Tuesday lost due to inclement weather. All classes that are scheduled on Tuesdays this semester will have the opportunity to meet at their regular times in the same rooms as on any Tuesday.
- (2) Wednesday April 27th, previously designated as day two of the Reading Period, will be treated as a normal class day to make up for the Wednesday lost to inclement weather. All classes that are scheduled on Wednesdays this semester will have the opportunity to meet at their regular times in the same rooms as on any other Wednesday.
- (3) Monday February 21st the holiday for the observance of Washington's birthday, will be designated as a Thursday. All classes that were scheduled on Thursdays this semester will have the opportunity to meet at their regular times in the same rooms as on any other Thursday.
- (4) This leaves us with the problem of providing for the classes that we canceled on Friday, January 21st. Instructors of Friday Classes may contact the University Scheduling Office (994-4915) to see if a room can be made available to accommodate a double session of your class on a Friday of your choice. You also have the option described in point number five.
- (5) We have an inventory of unused classrooms in the Grant School every evening from 6 to 10 PM. The average capacity of those classrooms is 20 to 25 students. If because of your schedule or the preferences of your students one of the options outlined above is not acceptable, you may call the University Scheduling Office to schedule a meeting of your class in the Grant School on an evening of your choice on a first-come first-served basis.

Some of you of course will negotiate with your students other ways of making up for the lost learning time. The aim of this plan was simply to provide a framework for an orderly way of coping with the challenge of rescheduling literally hundreds upon hundreds of class sessions.

Thank you for your cooperation and may we enjoy an early spring!

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Communication explained

White House Media Affairs Director Jeffrey Eller will address a luncheon of the D.C. area chapter of the Radio-Television News Directors Association Feb. 1 at the University Club.

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The Radio-Television News Directors Association is the world's largest professional organization devoted solely to electronic journalism.

The luncheon is \$15 for RTNDA members and \$20 for nonmembers. To register call (202) 362-4182. Tickets will also be available at the door.

People in your neighborhood

GW's Colonnade Gallery will sponsor an exhibit that provides insight into the heritage and identity of many neighborhoods in the District.

"Lost in the City: An African-American Perspective of the Nation's Capital" is based on the dominant role African-Americans have played in shaping the culture of Washington. It was inspired by Edward P. Jones's book of the same name

and spans history from the turn of the century through the 1970s.

The exhibit, which runs from Jan. 27 through Feb. 25, will feature a gallery talk by the author on Jan. 27 along with the showing of several films depicting D.C. neighborhoods, including *Georgetown Remembered*, a movie produced by local filmmakers.

The exhibit is cosponsored by the Special Collections Department, Gelman Library, the Multicultural Student Services Center, the Black Peoples' Union and the Marvin Center Governing Board.

Peace talks

The Elliott School of International Affairs will present a forum on peace in the Middle East with several members of the Washington Area Senior Fulbright Program.

The discussion on moving the peace process forward features scholars from seven different nations. The forum will be on Jan. 31 at 7 p.m. in the Marvin Center ballroom.

The Fulbright Program, established in 1946, is the academic component of the United States Information Agency's exchange activities. More than 5,000 grants are awarded annually to scholars.

-Elissa Leibowitz and Tracy Sisser

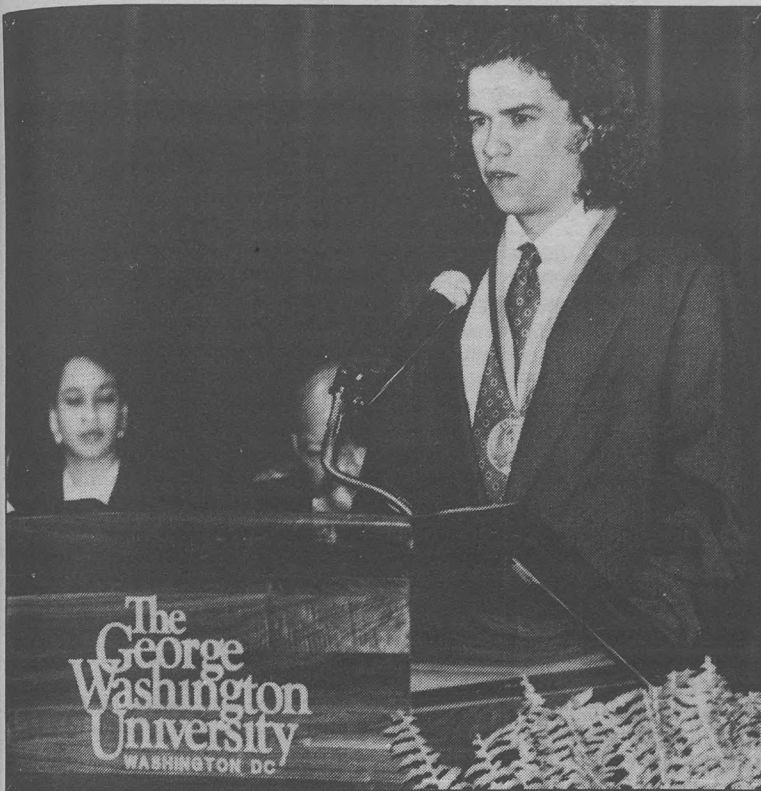


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Senior Jeffrey Rickert receives his award for community service.

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Turnbull, who directs the Harlem Boys Choir, gave statistics on the number of children dying of poverty in the United States, predicting that "we still have a long way to go."

Nicole V. Lang, the award's 1993 student recipient, GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg and Valerie L. Epps, director of GW's Multicultural Student Services Center, presented the awards.

Members of the audience sang "Lift Every Voice and Sing," a song representative of the civil rights movement. Yolanda King held back her tears. "Yet

with a steady beat, have not our weary feet, come to the place from which our fathers died," she sang.

After the ceremony, Yolanda King said it was an honor to be recognized with an award that has honored such previous recipients as poet Maya Angelou and House Del. Eleanor Holmes-Norton (D-D.C.). "It inspires me to keep going," King said.

During her acceptance speech she said, "My father lived by his commitments and practiced what he preached. We, his offspring, must strive for love to truly honor him."

"I'm very grateful and delighted to receive this honor. I tried for the past few years to create a society where we can forget all about race and color and see people as human beings," Lewis said.

Classes

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ation," he said.

Some students said they already have conflicts with the makeup days. "Making up classes on Presidents' Day is a bad idea. I am already scheduled to work at the Smith Center for the basket-

ball game," sophomore Tom Carrino said. A men's basketball game is scheduled for broadcast on ESPN that day. He said it would be better for the school to have a full arena.

Carrino said, however, making up classes over the reading days was a good idea. "I'm not sure how effective reading days are," he said.

Freshman Aileen Kohut said she does not think classes need to be made up. "Most of my classes are catching up on their own."

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Applications enter electronic age

GW plans to use experimental admissions forms on disk

(CPS) — The Information Age has reached college admission offices as two Florida International University students combined their talents to create a computer application to speed up the process.

Nestor Portocarrero and David Flor joined forces to create a computer program to expedite the admissions process at the university, and now they're trying to market their program to other schools across the nation.

The computerized application for admission includes an interactive presentation that uses graphics and pictures to guide students through the university's programs. "It's like a walk-through brochure," Portocarrero said.

The five-minute presentation, which highlights the university's academic, social and sports highlights, is designed to eliminate the university's need to mail heavy brochures.

The presentation is concluded with an application for admission that students can fill out on computer. Then they return the computer diskette by mail. The diskettes for the program will be produced in time for fall 1994 applicants, the students said.

Disks are cheaper than brochures, so the new process

will save money for the university. A disk costs about 30 cents, while brochures are \$1.50. Because the disk is lighter than the brochure, the university saves almost \$2 per mailing. "As far as cost, only time will tell how much money we will save," said Carmen Brown, director of admissions for the university.

Not only is the program helpful for students, but it also will save time. University admissions employees have to input paper applications manually. The computer program eliminates data processing time since employees don't have to transfer the application from hard copy into the computers. Downloading the application takes about five seconds, compared with about 20 minutes to type in the application.

Portocarrero, who works part time at the university's admissions office, created the program after Brown discovered a similar program to help students apply here at GW.

Portocarrero and Flor didn't charge the university for the program, but they are marketing it to other schools at an introductory price of \$5,000. So far, about six schools have shown an interest, Portocarrero said.

Howard prof. wants to preserve cemetery

by Emily Sanford

Hatchet Reporter

In October the University announced its plan to purchase a van to assist the University Police Department with its student escort service. But even today, no one has seen it.

Robert Chernak, vice president for student and academic support services, said then that GW would purchase a van to help UPD with its student escort service. Chernak had hoped to have the van in operation by "the change to Eastern Standard Time." The van has been purchased, but is not yet in operation.

"We are getting in the process of providing the service to the students," UPD Captain Anthony RoccoGrande said. He said the van will operate in the near future, as soon as UPD hires the drivers.

UPD is now finishing background checks on potential drivers and would like to hire a pool of drivers, UPD Director Dolores Stafford said. "The van will be running as soon as possible," she said.

UPD offers an escort service to students seven days a week from dusk until dawn between any campus locations to within about three blocks from GW.

"We get eight to nine calls a night, sometimes 12 or 13," RoccoGrande said. "We get quite busy, but we don't mind. It is part of the service we provide."

UPD is responsible for crime watch and prevention as well as for escorting students on campus, RoccoGrande said.

"The van will be a big help," RoccoGrande said, "because it will free patrol and scout cars for crime watch. The van will allow us to focus on crime."

RoccoGrande also said the van would be useful because it would keep more patrol cars on campus. "The presence of a police vehicle is often a good deterrent for criminals. Taking students to off-campus locations opens an opportunity for crime."

Another student escort service is also offered by the Student Association and the Interfraternity Council. This service is available on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m. Various University organizations provide escorts including individual fraternities, the College Republicans, ROTC and Beta Tau, an engineering fraternity.

"Every fraternity has to help out," said IFC President Cris Parrino. He said each fraternity participates about once a month.

"(The College Republicans) helped out two consecutive weekends last semester," College Republicans President Brandon Steinmann said. He said escorts go to the UPD office and wait for

calls. They then escort students around campus or to dorms. Steinmann said the College Republicans have not participated in the escort service this semester, but hope to do so because it is a "community service thing," he said.

The SA escort service used to be open seven days a week, but had difficulty finding groups to run the service on weeknights.

"We work on the weekends now in order to help out the UPD. I'm not sure the UPD is thrilled to be running the escort service," SA President Scott Adams said.

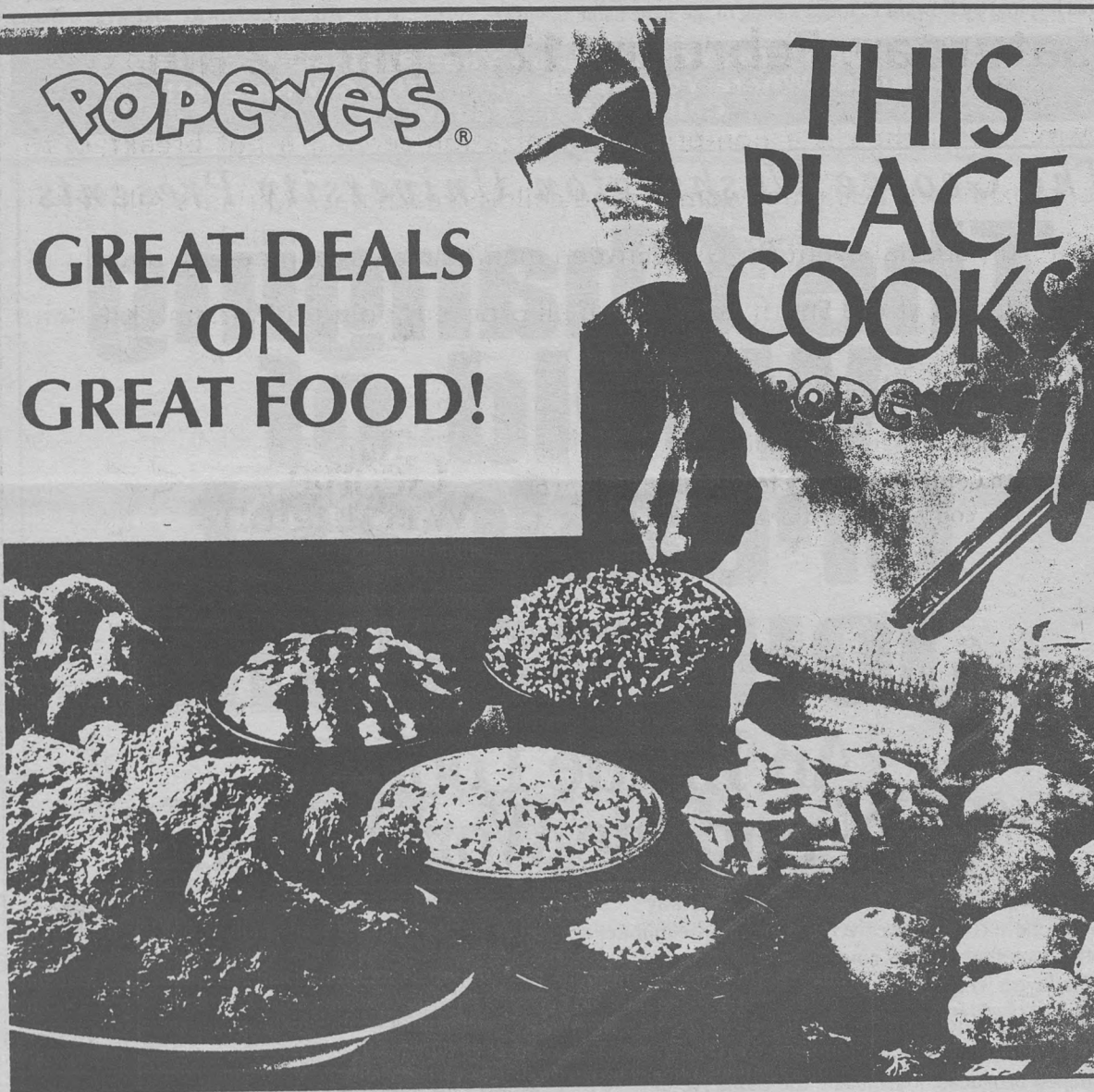
Adams said the SA escort service is in need of new equipment. It owns three walkie talkies, but one is broken. "Purchasing new walkie talkies is a pretty expensive venture. We're hoping the University will help out," Adams said. Parrino also said they need to purchase new flashlights and jackets.

The SA has not advertised its escort service recently. Adams said this is because the SA is preoccupied with Homecoming preparations.

Parrino said he hopes to increase advertising and "to make the service more widely used and more widely available."

Correction

The headline "Marijuana seized in 2 residence halls" on p. 1 of the Jan. 24 issue of The GW Hatchet should have said that marijuana was seized in only one hall.



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Princeton bares all during nude frolic

Ivy Leaguers celebrate year's 1st snowfall

(CPS) — About 300 male and female students stripped naked and sprinted through 25-degree weather at Princeton University to celebrate the first snowfall of winter, an annual frolic that has earned the disfavor of the administration.

However, that didn't dampen the spirits of runners who skidded around the icy grounds Jan. 4 while clothed spectators cheered and the strains of "Chariots of Fire" wafted from a residence hall window. Joggers in the Nude Olympics took some precautions from the cold, however. They wore shoes, socks, hats and gloves, and one donned a football helmet.

"It was a mob scene," student Danny Hoffman told the Associated Press. Not all was fun and games, though. Two students were taken to a nearby hospital, one for treatment of extreme intoxication and the other for lacerations of the back and legs. A third student was treated for an ankle injury at the school infirmary.

The nude run has caused some trouble in the past, and university officials have tried to discourage the practice. "It was a lark 10 or 20 years ago, but it's turned into a huge event," university spokeswoman Jacquelyn Savani said. "It has lost its innocence and spontaneity."

Many of the students drink heavily before the run to loosen inhibitions and make the cold seem more bearable, she said. But that also leads to dangerous behavior when judgment becomes impaired. Two years ago, two young women passed out naked in the cold after they drank too much. That same year, about two dozen male students dashed through a restaurant, frightening patrons and smashing a large plate-glass window. Local police videotaped the incident, and the young men were later prosecuted.

Last year, a group of naked men pranced through a convenience store and "intimidated" customers. One student was later prosecuted on a shoplifting charge, Savani said.

The Nude Olympics has become so widely known that the tabloid television show "Hard Copy" advertised in newspapers for videotape footage of the event, Savani said. "People say to us, 'Well, gee, can't students have a good time anymore?' But the university is struggling with its responsibility to the students and the community," Savani said.

Meanwhile, a group of about 15 University of Pennsylvania women decided to carry on a campus tradition last December by jogging nude through the school's quadrangle in Philadelphia, the Daily Pennsylvanian reported.

The newspaper, which ran a photograph of the women's backsides, said it was the second annual female streak at the school.

"It takes a lot of courage to do what they're doing," said one male onlooker. "It's cold out here."

As a group of five or so men gathered to witness the 7 a.m. event, the streakers nearly suffered a pre-run panic. "There are guys over there!" said one. "Oh, we'll run anyway," another answered.

So they quickly shed their clothes near the statue of the Rev. George Whitefield and ran screaming around the courtyard. A streaker who was a veteran of the first female streak in 1992 said the event was "a reminder not to take life too seriously."

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," she said. "It's exhilarating."

Another male onlooker, who said he was required to attend the event as part of his fraternity initiation, said he respected the women's boldness. "All the women have my highest admiration," he said. "What they did was pretty amazing."

One male student walked across the courtyard about 10 minutes after the streak said he had no idea what had just happened.

"Get out of here! They were naked?" he asked in disbelief. "Oh, man, I missed it."



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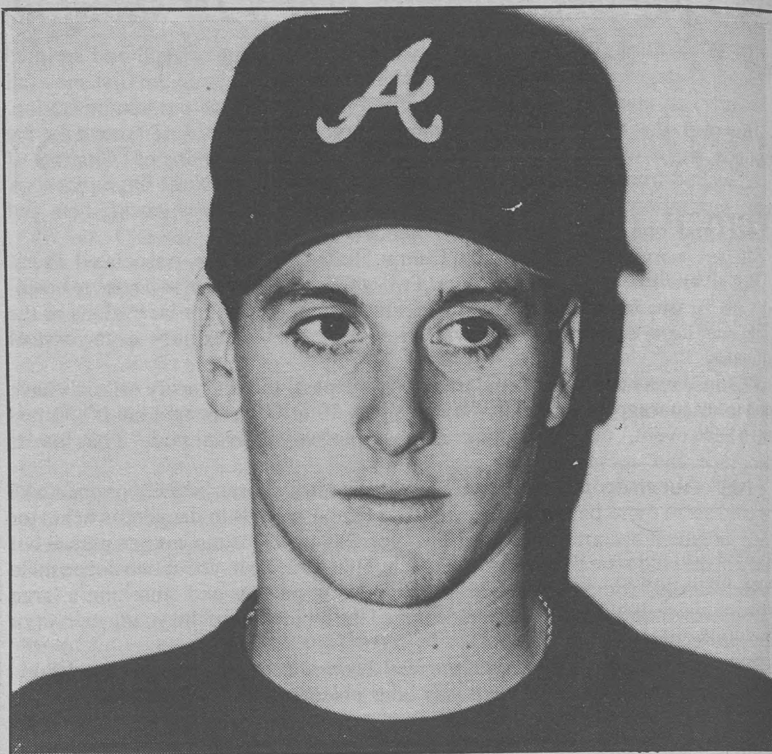


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Chad Senior takes a step out of his element midway through a record-breaking season.

Freshman swimmer takes on 'Senior' role

by Christy Andrychowski
Hatchet Sports Writer

Freshman swimmer Chad Senior set three new individual records, was part of a new relay record, was named the Atlantic 10 Men's "Freshman of the Year" and has qualified for Senior Nationals. Oh, and in his free-time, he's a student.

Senior, a native of Florida, has been swimming competitively since he was six years old. "My parents didn't want me to get hurt playing football," Senior said.

and GW. Jack was an influence because I've known him for a long time," Senior said. Thomas and Senior grew up swimming together in Florida. "I knew I could fit into the swim program at GW," Senior added.

Senior has set new GW records in the 500-, 1,000- and 1,650-yard freestyle events. He was also a member of the record-setting 800-yard freestyle relay, along with Lee Calvert, Andrew Cottrill and Brendt Garlick. He was crowned A-10 champion of the 1,650-yard freestyle event and was named men's A-10

Swimming

Swimming, though, wasn't the only high school sport he was in. He also ran cross country and track and earned honors. In all, he earned 12 varsity letters during high school.

Cross country is an advantage to Senior. "He has incredible endurance due to his running career," GW swimming head coach Bob Hassett said.

Senior left his mark on all of the sports he participated in during high school. In swimming, Senior was voted MVP for four consecutive years, qualified for Junior Nationals in the 100-meter backstroke and was named "All Southwest Florida Swimmer of the Year" his senior year. In cross country and track, Senior was elected to the All Conference team three years in a row, was both a District and Conference champion, and was elected MVP two years in a row.

Senior excels in all distance freestyle events. "I'm not fast enough for sprints. Besides, it doesn't matter which events I swim, as long as I win them."

Senior has many notable achievements yet is hardly cocky about them. "He's very humble," men's captain Jack Thomas said. "Chad's hard-working and very self-conscious when it comes to training." And Thomas should know.

When Senior was choosing college, Thomas was in the picture. "I applied to a lot of schools, but narrowed it down to the University of Florida, Notre Dame

"Freshman of the Year." "At the A-10's, I put a lot of pressure on myself, probably the most pressure so far at GW," Senior said. "I put pressure on myself, get nervous, and then swim pretty well."

Senior said winning the A-10 "Freshman of the Year" award was "anticlimatic." He said he was happy he won, "but the team, as a whole, lost." GW's men finished second overall at the A-10 championships.

"Chad's a great team person," Hassett said. "He's a pretty quiet guy, who doesn't let his ego get out of control." Anyone who knows Senior knows this is true.

"The coaches here are great," Senior said. "John (Flanagan) is a great distance coach. And Bob really keeps on top of the academic part of being a student. He doesn't let anything slide."

Chad is one of the hardest workers on our team, Hassett said. "He's always on time and never complains. He is a very versatile swimmer."

From both the swimmer's and the coach's perspective, Senior has surpassed expectations. "I knew I'd be swimming fast wherever I ended up swimming," Senior said. "Then he smiles. 'Maybe not this fast.'"

"Chad has exceeded our expectations," Hassett agreed.

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SPORTS

GW takes 5th straight with victory at UMass

Women dominate during 2nd-half burst

by Kynan Kelly

Asst. Sports Editor

The GW women's basketball team dominated the University of Massachusetts in the second half of its game Wednesday to earn its fifth consecutive win, 63-49.

Women's Basketball

UMass forward Octavia Thomas scored eight points and grabbed 10 boards as the Minutewomen outpaced GW during the first half. But Martha Williams's accuracy from the line (three-for-four in the first half) kept the Colonial Women close and they never trailed by more than five.

Williams hit two jumpshots within three minutes of halftime, and Hemery added a layup to deadlock the teams with 24 points each at halftime.

Williams continued to battle under the basket after the half and hit three more jumpers down the stretch. The lead changed hands three times in the first five minutes of the second half before Hemery nailed a jumper to put GW ahead for good at 15:39.

The Minutewomen challenged the lead and came as close as three several times until Hemery's three-point basket at 7:08 boosted the Colonial Women's advantage to seven points.

Minutewoman Melissa Gurile's two free throws with just over three minutes left narrowed the lead to two, but a three-point play by Hemery once again saved GW. She made a layup, was fouled by UMass's Crystal Carroll and

swished the free throw to give the Colonial Women a 52-47 lead.

GW steadily increased the margin from that point as UMass resorted to fouling, and the Colonial Women cashed in from the charity stripe.

Darlene Saar added the strength of her 25th double-double to the Colonial Women's fourth Atlantic 10 conference win. The team rebounded from Saturday's tepid scoring outing against St. Joseph's by having three players finish in double digits.

The 14-point margin of victory, however, belied the close competition of the contest. GW is now 4-1 in the A-10 (10-4 overall). UMass falls to 8-6 overall.

The Colonial Women continue their road trip at Rutgers Saturday afternoon.

GW 63, MASS 49

GW	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	PF	PTS
Saar	38	5-11	4-7	5-10	2	14
Sawyers	24	1-3	0-2	0-3	0	2
Abraham	12	3-6	0-0	2-2	3	6
Hemery	34	6-13	3-4	1-3	2	16
Loneragan	23	1-7	1-1	2-5	3	3
McCrea	16	0-2	3-4	0-2	0	3
Neville	7	0-0	0-0	1-2	1	0
Sellert	2	0-0	0-2	0-0	1	0
Cormignano	19	2-7	0-0	1-1	3	5
Williams	25	5-6	4-6	1-4	5	14
TOTALS	200	23-55	15-28	18-39	21	63
MASS	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	PF	PTS
Thomas	33	3-6	11-14	8-14	5	17
Carroll	29	1-5	2-4	1-1	5	4
Gurile	35	3-9	4-5	0-7	3	10
Valentine	32	3-4	1-2	0-1	3	7
Carter	8	1-3	0-0	0-1	2	2
Kuzmeski	30	3-10	0-0	2-4	2	5
Hopson	8	0-0	1-3	0-1	1	1
Gregory	9	0-3	0-0	0-3	0	0
Hansen	16	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	2
TOTALS	200	15-45	19-28	13-36	22	49



George keeps his cool at a basketball game.

Hatchet file photo

Behind his mask, George reveals all

by Deanna Reiter

Sports Editor

He could be your neighbor, your co-worker or your best friend. George, GW's mascot, is at large, and he could be any Colonial fan on campus.

George refuses to reveal the man behind the mask, although the cheerleaders, band members, athletes and some Smith Center employees know his true identity. "It's a secret and I don't tell anyone outright, but word travels. I always deny it whenever people ask me," George said.

His secret identity gives George "license to mess" with anyone he wants. "I can just go up to an administrator and mess up his hair, . . . and the little kids are so much fun to play with because you can get down to their level and they like to shake your hand or touch your hair," George explained.

George's head is made out of foam rubber and weighs about five pounds. "It's pretty light compared to the last one. The last head was made out of papier-mache and hard plaster, and the vision was bad," George said.

Although the costume is better in many ways than last year's, it still has its faults. "It gets pretty damn hot in there," George explained. "I usually lose three or four pounds of water" during a men's basketball game, he said. And when he tries to leave the gym to drink some water, he often gets swarmed by fans on the way.

However, "The hardest part is not laughing. Sometimes things get so funny that I just start cracking up, but I've gotten used to it," he said.

Another problem: George said he often mistakenly remains in character when he sheds his head. "Sometimes after I take the mask off after the games and I'm walking down the street, I say

'hi' to the people that I have shaken their hands or hugged at the games, forgetting that I don't know them," the colonial explained. "It takes me about an hour to figure out where I am and get reoriented toward everything."

George was not always George, though. He took on the role after the University advertised for an alternate mascot, which he tried out for and made last year.

But the job wasn't all fun and games. George also had to attend mascot camp to learn how to be his character. At camp, he met several other mascots, including those from American University and the University of Maryland.

George said he always talks to other school's mascots, and together they try to plan that night's frolics. He said things can often get out of control in front of fans. "You have to balance it out, because if you embarrass them at an away game, when they come to your home, then they're out to get you. . . . I try to steal something from them or plan something out. I think it's better than to always fight them," George said.

George said he tries to attend every sporting event in the fall and the spring at least once. "I'd like to get away from the image of me just being the mascot for the basketball team because I do a lot of different stuff," he said.

George interviewed for the position as the Baltimore Orioles' mascot, The Bird, but decided against the job because they wanted him to start this January.

"I wouldn't mind doing that (being a mascot) for a year or so after I graduate . . . because it's a lot of fun. I always wanted to join the circus or do something in theatrics," George explained. "I kind of like the whole mask motif, too."

Commentary Play it again

As the Buffalo Bills and Dallas Cowboys prepare for an unlikely rematch in Super Bowl XXVIII, I find myself most impressed with these two organizations on the whole. After a tumultuous 12 months for both teams as well as the NFL, I think the teams should be commended just for the fact they're both in the Super Bowl again.

The advent of free agency was supposed to lead to a new order in the NFL, and it was expected to be at the expense of the Bills and Cowboys. Additionally, logic dictated that there was no way the Bills could come back from last year's debacle in the Super Bowl, let alone for an unprecedented fourth straight time. And the Cowboys had to deal with the complacency that often ruins defending champ's chances the next year (unless Michael Jordan is on your team), as well as with Emmitt Smith's bitter early-season holdout.

What all this means to me is both Buffalo and Dallas should be proud of the way their coaches and front-office personnel performed over the last year. Marv Levy continues to provide stability for the Bills as they've become sport's most resilient team. And while Jimmy Johnson is obviously blessed with a talented team, he's got to deal with some pretty big egos too. He's been able to push the right buttons, and now the Cowboys are back. In addition, both teams have front offices that keep their teams' respective nuclei intact.

As for Sunday's on-field action, I realize some fans probably feel another Cowboy rout will be the result, but something tells me the Bills will surprise anyone who is taking the Cowboys and the unusually large point spread.

I see health, motivation and only one week of preparation for the game as positives for the Bills. Last year, it was Jim Kelly who was the banged-up quarterback, and he ultimately had to leave the game with a nagging injury. But now Troy Aikman must play that role, having been knocked silly in the 49ers game.

In the motivation department, I can't imagine a whole lot of teams wanting to win anything more than the Bills must want to win this Super Bowl. Johnson will have his troops fired up too, but they don't need it like the Bills.

Lastly, with only a week to prepare, the Bills won't have time to think about their past failures. And the short break hurts Dallas, where Smith joins Aikman as a player who needs some rest.

Regardless of all the intangibles, unless Aikman or Smith get hurt, the Cowboys are simply too good to be beaten right now. They have, undoubtedly, the best players in the game at every offensive skill position. Bruce Smith and company should make things tough, but they simply will not be able to contain all these weapons. However, there will be no "choke" on the Bills part this year. They'll put together a great effort, but Jimmy and his boys will reign, 28-24.

-Ben Osborne

BCA leans toward NCAA compromise

by Deanna Reiter

Sports Editor

The Black Coaches Association is trying to reconcile its differences over athletic scholarships with the National Collegiate Athletic Association after the coaches called off their planned boycott.

The BCA agreed to call the off the boycott of college basketball games scheduled for Jan. 14, Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. BCA Executive Director Rudy Washington met Wednesday with Justice Department mediators in an attempt to solve the differences between the BCA and the NCAA.

The BCA planned the boycott to protest a change in the number of athletic scholarships the NCAA allows colleges to award. The NCAA voted in January to cut back the number of scholarships universities can offer from 14 to 13. The coaches said this cutback will hurt black athletes who depend on these scholarships to attend college.

GW men's basketball head coach Mike Jarvis, as well as Georgetown coach John Thompson and Temple coach John Cheney, have all said they supported the boycott, which could have forfeited GW's game against West Virginia Jan. 16. GW played and lost that game.

In a Jan. 13 article in The GW Hatchet, Jarvis said "we're not addressing what we need to." He said he thought people were more concerned about the boycott than the issues behind it, such as scholarship amounts and increased academics.

The boycott was cancelled at the urging of the Congressional Black Caucus after the Department of Justice said it would intervene. The BCA is no longer meeting with NCAA officials to discuss further topics, according to The Washington Post. The two groups last met Jan. 11, the day after the NCAA convention voted against the scholarship limit decrease.

The NCAA has also met with mediators. Saturday, the Community Relations Service, a voluntary program established under the Civil Rights Act of 1964, worked with the NCAA. But neither side accepted CRS's offer. Separate meetings with the two groups may eventually lead to federal mediation.

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